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Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In reply to the Non-Final Office Action dated January 2, 2008, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks. A three-month extension of time to respond is required and hereby requested; the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to deduct the three-month extension fee (\$1050) from Deposit Account No. 50-3994. It is not believed that any petitions or additional fees are required beyond those provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional petitions and / or fees are due with this response, such petitions are hereby made and the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to deduct any additional fees (including fees for the net addition of claims) from our Deposit account No. 50-3994.

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